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NeXT SOFTWARE LICENSES KEY TECHNOLOGIES
FROM NETSCAPE ONE(TM)

NeXT Customers to Gain Increased Java Support and Openness Through Netscape's
Standards-Based Open Network Environment

REDWOOD CITY, CA -- July 29, 1996 -- NeXT Software, a leading producer of software development environments for the Internet and Enterprise, today announced it has licensed key technologies from Netscape ONE(TM) Open Network Environment, a standards-based platform from Netscape Communications Corporation for building rich, distributed content and applications for the Internet and Intranets. NeXT's support of the Netscape ONE platform will provide NeXT customers with increasingly comprehensive Java-based open solutions for enterprise web application development.

``Support for existing and emerging standards is business-critical for NeXT," said Richard Guth, Director of Web Marketing for NeXT Software. ``Netscape is a leader in promoting industry standard protocols through its widely adopted software platform, and we are pleased to continue our support for Netscape's efforts by endorsing Netscape ONE . For our customers and partners, Netscape ONE will provide increased Java support and ensure interoperability with products from the growing list of other Netscape ONE adopters."

The Netscape ONE platform provides many features that will be important to WebObjects(TM) customers, such as better Java virtual machine support and an improved client-side toolkit. Netscape's new JavaScript version 1.1 offering can be incorporated into NeXT's object framework to enable WebObjects users to build and deploy enterprise web applications using an enhanced version of Netscape's Java-based scripting language for the Internet. Additionally, broad adoption of the Java Runtime Interface (JRI), available in Netscape ONE, will facilitate WebObjects' support for web development in Java.

``Netscape and NeXT share the common goal of providing Internet and Intranet development solutions that enable corporate customers to leverage the open standards of the Internet in concert with existing protocols, development standards and IT infrastructures," said Mike Homer, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Netscape. ``Netscape ONE enables corporate developers to leverage their existing enterprise resources to build a whole new generation of network applications. This level of integration is critical to ensuring widespread adoption of the Web as a medium for doing business."

Also announced by Netscape today, JavaScript version 1.1 is an enhanced version of Netscape's open, freely-licensable Java-based scripting language for quickly and easily building network applications. JavaScript 1.1 features support for Netscape LiveConnect(TM), Netscape's framework for enabling Live Objects such as Plug-ins, Java applets, JavaScript scripts and HTML elements to pass data, communicate and

interact. Netscape is seeing tremendous developer acceptance for JavaScript with more than 100,000 JavaScript-enabled pages on the Internet today according to HotBot, an Internet search engine (www.hotbot.com).

Netscape ONE Open Network Environment is a standards-based platform for creating a new generation of distributed client/server applications. Netscape ONE unifies into one single platform the open standards of

the Internet such as HTTP, HTML, LDAP and Java, and a tool chest of open, cross-platform software and technologies for creating rich, distributed applications on the Internet and Intranets. Netscape ONE adds new technologies -- JavaScript version 1.1, Java-based Netscape Internet Foundation Classes and support for a distributed object model based on the Internet Inter-ORB Protocol (IIOP) standard -- to Netscape's leading line of Java-based clients, servers and tools. Netscape ONE is freely licensable from Netscape.

NeXT Software, Inc.
NeXT delivers an open development environment for building custom applications for both the World Wide Web and the Enterprise. NeXT's development software adds value to today's business by shortening the development cycle, working with an organization's existing technology, supporting current and emerging standards, and enabling organizations to grow and change with ease.

Providing its customers with a combination of award-winning software and professional services, NeXT delivers real-world solutions.

NeXT Software, Inc. is headquartered in Redwood City, California, and has offices in North America, London, Paris, Munich, and Tokyo. Of more information please visit NeXT's website http://www.next.com or call 1-800-TRY-NeXT.

Netscape Communications Corp.
Netscape Communications Corporation is a premier provider of open software for linking people and information over enterprise networks and the Internet. The company offers a full line of clients, servers, development tools and commercial applications to create a complete platform for next-generation, live online applications. Traded on NASDAQ under the symbol "NSCP," Netscape Communications Corporation is based in Mountain View, California.

Additional information on Netscape Communications Corporation is available on the Internet at http://home.netscape.com, by sending email to info@netscape.com. Corporate customers can call 415-937-2555 while consumers can call 415-937-3777 for more information.

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